

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S929—S1130*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2425–2430, and S. Res. 406. **Page S967**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 951, to reform the process by which Federal agencies analyze and formulate new regulations and guidance documents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 115–208) **Page S967**

**Measures Passed:**

*Sergeant Ernest I. “Boots” Thomas VA Clinic:* Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2246, to designate the health care center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Tallahassee, Florida, as the Sergeant Ernest I. “Boots” Thomas VA Clinic, and the bill was then passed. **Page S1130**

*Authorizing Representation by Senate Legal Counsel:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 406, to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of United States v. Ahmed Alahmedalabdalklah. **Page S1130**

**Measures Considered:**

**Broader Options for Americans Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 2579, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the premium tax credit with respect to unsubsidized COBRA continuation coverage, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S930–65**

**Pending:**

Grassley Amendment No. 1959, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S930–65**

McConnell (for Toomey/Cruz) Amendment No.1948 (to Amendment No. 1959), to ensure that State and local law enforcement may cooperate with Federal officials to protect our communities from violent criminals and suspected terrorists who are illegally present in the United States. **Pages S930–31**

Schumer Modified Amendment No. 1958 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1959), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S931–65**

Durbin (for Coons/McCain) Amendment No. 1955 (to Amendment No. 1958), to provide relief from removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States before reaching the age of 18, improve border security, foster United States engagement in Central America. **Pages S931–32**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Durbin (for Coons/McCain) Amendment No. 1955 (to Amendment No. 1958) (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, February 16, 2018. **Page S965**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell (for Toomey/Cruz) Amendment No.1948 (to Amendment No. 1959) (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Durbin (for Coons/McCain) Amendment No. 1955 (to Amendment No. 1958). **Page S965**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Schumer Modified Amendment No. 1958 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1959) (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of McConnell (for Toomey/Cruz) Amendment No.1948 (to Amendment No. 1959). **Page S965**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Grassley Amendment No. 1959, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Schumer Modified Amendment No. 1958 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 1959). **Page S965**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 15, 2018. **Page S1130**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Margaret Weichert, of Georgia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget. **Pages S965, S1130**

2 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral. **Pages S965, S1130**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S967**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**  
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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S1130**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:37 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1130.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### READINESS OF U.S. FORCES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine the current readiness of United States forces, after receiving testimony from General James C. McConville, USA, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army, Admiral William F. Moran, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, General Glenn M. Walters, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, and General Stephen W. Wilson, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

### MILITARY FAMILY READINESS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine military and civilian personnel programs and military family readiness, including S. 2379, to improve and expand authorities, programs, services, and benefits for military spouses and military families, after receiving testimony from Robert L. Wilkie, Jr., Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Lieutenant General Thomas C. Seamands, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–1, Vice Admiral Robert P. Burke, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, N–1, Lieutenant General Gina M. Grosso, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for

Manpower, Personnel and Services, and Lieutenant General Michael A. Rocco, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, all of the Department of Defense; Kathy Roth-Douquet, Blue Star Families, and Kelly B. Hruska, National Military Family Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and J. Michael Haynie, Syracuse University Institute for Veterans and Military Families, Syracuse, New York.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joseph Simons, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Hatch, Christine S. Wilson, of Virginia, who was introduced by Senator Capito, Noah Joshua Phillips, of Maryland, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, and Rohit Chopra, of New York, each to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### NATIONAL PARKS LEGISLATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 400, to establish the Susquehanna National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, S. 966, to establish a program to accurately document vehicles that were significant in the history of the United States, S. 1160, to include Livingston County, the city of Jonesboro in Union County, and the city of Freeport in Stephenson County, Illinois, to the Lincoln National Heritage Area, S. 1260 and H.R. 2615, bills to authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, S. 1335, to establish the Ste. Genevieve National Historic Site in the State of Missouri, S. 1446 and H.R. 1135, bills to reauthorize the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation program, S. 1472, to reauthorize the Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area, S. 1573, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to place signage on Federal land along the trail known as the "American Discovery Trail", S. 1602, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area, S. 1645, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of P.S. 103 in West Baltimore, Maryland, S. 1646, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of President Station in Baltimore,